

Relative to the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS).

New law retains existing law which provides that any member who withdraws from service may obtain a refund of his contributions and that refunds will not be made until the member separates and remains out of state service for a period of 30 calendar days, acceptance of a refund automatically cancels all rights in the system, and the member forfeits all service credit for the period refunded.

Existing law provides that a member may repay a refund to LASERS upon returning to state service prior to age 60 and contributing to the system for 18 months, provided the repayment is made prior to retirement. Provides that repayment includes the amount refunded plus compound interest and requires that repayment of a refund be made by lump sum only. New law retains existing law, except deletes the "prior to age 60" requirement.

New law retains existing law which provides that all service credit forfeited upon refund is restored upon repayment of the refund and that no service credit forfeited by reason of a refund can be restored if it would cause duplication of credit.

New law provides that any member who receives a refund of contributions is, at the member's option, eligible to repay all or any part of such refund, without regard to the provision of existing law requiring lump sum repayments. Provides that any member who elects to partially repay a refund shall only be restored such service credit which is commensurate to the partial refund.

New law provides that LASERS shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary for the management of partial repayment of refunds, all in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

New law states that it is intended as a temporary pilot program. Provides that on and after 07/01/2003 partial repayment of refunds shall be prohibited and, thereafter, all repayments of refunds shall be made by lump sum payment.